(d) The Government of India is implementing various schemes through the Coconut Development Board for increasing area/production under the crop. These include:

(i) *Expansion of area under coconut:* Under this projects, a sum of Rs. 3000 per hectare is being provided to coconut growers whose holding is less than 2 hectares.

(ii) Project for providing assistance for irigation facilities to coconut growers for subsidised distribution of pumpsets, development of irrigation sources in coconut gradens etc.

(iii) Production of quality coconut seedlings.

(iv) Project for coconut plantation on canal embankment in Orissa.

Besides, the Coconut Development Board is also implementing schemes on Package Programme on coconut, Production and Distribution of TxD hybrid seedlings and Establishment of hybrid seed gardens for DxT hybrids.

Statement

Area and Production of Coconut in Southern States

State	Annual Average Area (lakh hectares)			Annual Average Production (100 million nuts)		
	Fourth Plan	Fifth Plan	Sixth Plan	Fourth Plan	Fifth Plan	Sixth Plan
Andhra Pradesh . .	0.38	0.40	0.45	1.63	1.66	1.85
Karnataka . . .	1.34	1.54	1.84	6.74	7.91	9.57
Kerala . . .	7.29	6.94	6.75	39.23	33.59	30.56
Tamil Nadu . . .	1.03	1.10	1.31	9.33	10.89	12.98

Revocation of suspension order against NCCF officers

1233. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 183 and 465 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th May, 1986 and 5th December, 1986 respectively and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCCF is contemplating to revoke suspension of some officers involved in various scandals of NCCF in contradiction of what the Minister stated on the floor of the House on 6th May, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) According to information furnished by NCCF it has not decided to revoke, for the present the suspension orders of any officer.

Foreign Liabilities of NAFED

1234. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item in which appeared in 'Navbharat Times' of 8th July, 1986, 9th July, 1986 and 10th July, 86 and in the Hindustan Times' of 27 January, 87 and 6th February, 87 regarding Foreign liabilities of NAFED;

(b) if so, what are the comments of Government on foreign liabilities of Rs. 21.01 crores of NAFED; and